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ACTION AF-01

INFO	LOG-00	CIAE-00	PFIP-01	C-01	DODE-00	EUR-01	HA-09
	H-01	INRE-00	INR-01	L-03	ADS-00	NSAE-00	NSCE-00
	OMB-01	PA-01	PM-02	PRS-01	P-01	SNP-00	SP-00
	SS-00	TRSE-00	T-01	USIE-00	RPE-00	/025W	
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R 041436Z DEC 92
FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2439
INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY KAMPALA
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PREL, MOPS, RW
SUBJECT: NMOG REPORTS CEASEFIRE VIOLATION

1. OAU NEUTRAL MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP COMMANDER
MGEN OPALEYE STATED IN AN INTERVIEW WITH VOA THAT
NMOG OFFICERS HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE DURING
A VIOLATION OF THE GOR - RPF CEASEFIRE. IN
CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, OPALEYE GAVE A FEW MORE
DETAILS OF THE VIOLATION.

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2. THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE OCCURRED ON DEC. 2 IN THE
BYUMBA SECTOR. GOR FORCES, IN THE COMPANY OF FRENCH
TROOPS, ATTEMPTED TO MOVE 500 M FORWARD FROM THEIR
POSITIONS TO DIG A DEFENSIVE TRENCH. WHEN THE RPF
OBSERVED THE DIGGING, THEIR TROOPS OPENED FIRE. AN
NMOG PATROL IN THE AREA WAS CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE.
GOR FORCES LEFT BOTH THE NEW, FORWARD POSITION, AND
THEIR ORIGINAL POSITION. THE RPF DID NOT ATTEMPT TO
MOVE FORWARD. THE GOR HAS SINCE RETURNED TO THEIR
ORIGINAL POSITIONS, RE-ESTABLISHING THE STATUS QUO

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ANTE. OPALEYE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF
CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE; NO NMOG OFFICERS WERE HURT.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST CEASEFIRE VIOLATION
WHICH THE NMOG HAS BEEN IN PLACE TO WITNESS FIRST
HAND. OPALEYE AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE WITH
THE FRENCH FORCES' ACTIVITIES AT THE FRONT, AND
STATED CATEGORICALLY THAT THESE FORCES WERE DIRECTLY
INVOLVED IN THE GOR'S ATTEMPT TO REINFORCE FORWARD.
END COMMENT.
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